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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

HOME DEPARTMENT

(TRANSPORT-I)

NEW COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME, 2024 AND FARE REVISION OF MINI BUS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT, 1988

[G.O. Ms. No. 33, Home (Transport-I), 23rd January 2025, தை 10, குரோதி, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. II(1)/HO/4(a-1)/2025.

WHEREAS, the Government of Tamil Nadu have considered that the Approved Modified Area Scheme, 1999 in relation to the Districts are to be modified and a Comprehensive Single Area Scheme has to be formulated.

AND WHEREAS, the State Government, having prepared a comprehensive single scheme in relation to the area comprising the entire State of Tamil Nadu, published the same in Part-II Section-1 of the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* Extraordinary, dated the 14th June 2024 and after considering the objections and representations thereto made through petitions and in person, the State Government hereby approve the New Comprehensive Scheme under sub-section (2) of Section 100 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) as detailed in the Schedule annexed herewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, the New Comprehensive Scheme, 2024 as so approved is hereby published, as required under sub-section (3) of Section 100 of the said Act.

This notification will come into effect from its date of Publication and the services under the New Comprehensive Scheme, 2024 to the public will be rolled out starting from 01.05.2025.

THE SCHEDULE

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2.	Route (starting point and terminus with important intermediate stations and route length) or portion thereof with distance.	<p>Starting/ Terminal Point:</p> <p>(a) The starting point / terminal point shall be any location on the un-served habitation/village or a bus stop or a bus stand.</p> <p>(b) The Route length shall be upto 25 km.</p>																											
3.	Whether town service or mofussil service or both	Mofussil / Ordinary / Express / Jeep Stage Carriage / Passenger cum-Goods Carriage / Metropolitan City / Town / Minibus Service.																											
4.	Maximum and minimum number of vehicles proposed to be operated in the area comprising the entire State of Tamil Nadu by the State Transport undertakings to the exclusion, complete or partial or otherwise of other persons:- (a) Maximum Number (b) Minimum Number	<p>25,000</p> <p>18,723</p>																											
		Mini buses (private): Existing permits and permits to operate Mini bus service on the routes to be formulated by the Regional Transport Authorities under the powers conferred under clause (ca) of sub-section (3) of Section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and delegated to the Regional Transport Authorities by the State Transport Authority under sub-section (5) of Section 68 of the said Act.																											
	(c) Type	<p>Semi- saloon</p> <p>Single-deck</p>																											

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	(d) Seating capacity	Express	Ordinary / Mofussil	Town	Mini bus	Passenger-cum-goods carriage	Metropolitan service
	Maximum	60	80	100	25	30	105
	Minimum	30	30	40	7	2	20
		<p>To the complete exclusion of persons or entities, other than</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the State Transport Undertakings of other States; the existing permits of the small operators as already protected under the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles (Special Provisions) Act, 1992 (Tamil Nadu Act 41 of 1992); the permits of the stage carriage operators covered by the Inter-State Agreements; the existing permits of mini buses issued under the Schemes, 1997 and 1999; the permits of the mini bus operators to operate on the Mini bus routes to be formulated by Regional Transport Authorities under the powers conferred under clause (ca) of sub-section (3) of Section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and delegated to the Regional Transport Authorities by the State Transport Authority under sub-section (5) of Section 68 of the said Act. <p>Salient Features of the Scheme</p> <p>(I) Objective:</p> <p>The objective of the scheme is to improve the accessibility of bus services in urban and rural areas and to ensure last mile connectivity.</p> <p>(II) Starting/ Terminal Point:</p> <p>The starting point / the terminal point shall be any location on the un-served habitation/ village. One of the points can be a bus stop or a bus stand.</p> <p>(III) Maximum route length:</p> <p>The maximum permitted route length shall be 25 km.</p> <p>(IV) Minimum un-served route length:</p> <p>The minimum un-served route length shall not be less than 65% of the total route length.</p> <p>(V) Fixing of minimum route length:</p> <p>While issuing permit, the Regional Transport Authority shall determine and finalize the route length. The route length so fixed by the Regional Transport Authority shall be such that the un-served route shall not be less than 65% of the total route length.</p>					

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		<p>(VI) Route identification and survey:</p> <p>The Regional Transport Authority/ District Collector shall identify and survey potential routes. Each route shall be a maximum of 25 km and the unserved route shall not be less than 65% of the total route length.</p> <p>(VII) Extension to cater to institutions:</p> <p>Notwithstanding points (i) to (vi) above, if any adjoining area within the next 1 km from the terminal point happens to be a Government Hospital, Higher Secondary School, College, Railway station, Uzhavarsandhai, Agricultural regulatory market, Collectorate and Taluk Office, places of famous religious worship or a place just before a bus stand and the served route happens to exceed the maximum permitted route length, then the Regional Transport Authority/ in consultation with other stake holders, namely, State Transport Undertakings, Local Bodies, Regional Transport Officer, etc., can permit the additional distance of up to 1 km in the served area so as to enable the passengers to reach the above mentioned needy places. This consideration shall not apply to other places apart from the above mentioned places.</p> <p>(VIII) Served area in terms of the geographical spread:</p> <p>The following zones falling under the then Chennai Corporation (during 1999) shall be treated as Served Areas and mini bus permits shall not be issued for these areas.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No.</th><th>Zone No.</th><th>Area</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>4</td><td>Tondiarpet</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>5</td><td>Royapuram</td></tr> <tr> <td>3.</td><td>6</td><td>Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.</td><td>8</td><td>Anna Nagar</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.</td><td>9</td><td>Teynampet</td></tr> <tr> <td>6.</td><td>10</td><td>Kodambakkam</td></tr> <tr> <td>7.</td><td>13</td><td>Adyar</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total Area</td><td>172 sq. km.</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The following areas, which were subsequently annexed with the expanded Greater Chennai Corporation in the year 2011 are to be treated as un-served areas, where the mini bus operation(s) can be considered.</p>	Sl. No.	Zone No.	Area	1.	4	Tondiarpet	2.	5	Royapuram	3.	6	Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar	4.	8	Anna Nagar	5.	9	Teynampet	6.	10	Kodambakkam	7.	13	Adyar	Total Area		172 sq. km.
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		<p>2. The Regional Transport Authority/ District Collector shall then notify the modified route and grant new permit to the existing operator.</p> <p>(XIII) Maximum seating capacity:</p> <p>The maximum seating capacity will be 25 excluding the Driver and Conductor, as per clause (o) of rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.</p> <p>(XIV) Wheel base of the vehicle:</p> <p>The wheel base for a mini bus shall not exceed 390 cm, as per clause (o) of rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.</p> <p>(XV) Violation of permit conditions:</p> <p>(a) The operator shall adhere to all permit conditions.</p> <p>(b) Any case of violation of permit conditions shall attract action under sub-section (i) of Section 86 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988).</p> <p>(c) To ensure compliance of the permit conditions, State Transport Authority/ Regional Transport Authority shall put in place appropriate mechanism and devices such as VLTD (Vehicle Location Tracking Device) etc.,</p>
5.	Maximum and minimum number of trips proposed to be performed in the area comprising the entire State of Tamil Nadu by the State Transport Undertakings to the exclusion, complete or partial or otherwise of other persons.	<p>Maximum Trips-2,00,000</p> <p>Minimum Trips-1,80,000</p> <p>To the complete exclusion of persons / entities, other than-</p> <p>(i) the State Transport Undertakings of other States;</p> <p>(ii) the existing permits of the small operators as already protected under the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles (Special Provisions) Act, 1992 (Tamil Nadu Act 41 of 1992);</p> <p>(iii) the permits of the stage carriage operators covered by the Inter-State Agreements;</p> <p>(iv) the existing permits of mini buses issued under the Schemes 1997 and 1999;</p> <p>(v) the permits of the mini bus operators to operate on the mini bus routes to be formulated by the Regional Transport Authority under the powers conferred under clause (ca) of sub-section (3) of Section 68 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and delegated to the Regional Transport Authorities by the State Transport Authority under sub-section (5) of Section 68 of the said Act.</p>
6.	Number of vehicles intended to be kept in reserve to maintain the service and to operate for special occasions	One fifth of the total number of buses calculated on the total fleet strength operating in the area.
7.	The arrangements proposed for the housing, maintenance and repairs of the vehicles.	<p>For State Transport Undertaking, the arrangements for the housing of the vehicles, daily maintenance and major repairs shall be made at the depots of the State Transport Undertakings.</p> <p>In case of Mini buses, arrangements for the housing of the vehicles, daily maintenance and major repairs shall be made at the workshops held by the operators or at the place where workshop agreement is made for such maintenance.</p>
8.	The arrangements proposed for the comfort and convenience of passengers.	Stage Carriages will be provided with rubber coir, cushioned seats thereby offering comfort to the travelling public.

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9.	The arrangements proposed for the stands and halts on the route at which copies of time-tables of the services are proposed to be exhibited.	Waiting sheds and shelters will be provided at all important stands, where copies of time-tables will also be exhibited by the local bodies.
10.	Whether it is proposed to permit the carriage of goods in addition to the passengers.	Newspaper parcels, Postal Mails and other permitted articles will be carried in addition to the passenger and their luggage.
11.	Any other information.	NIL

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

Since, the New Comprehensive Scheme, 2011 formulated was set aside by the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, by its order dated 18.04.2018 in W.P (MD) No.2893 of 2011 and M.P (MD) No.2 of 2011 with a direction to re-do the exercise, the present notification is proposed to be made as per the provisions contained in sub-section (3) Section (100) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988). This is a New Comprehensive Scheme, 2024 drawn for the entire State of Tamil Nadu, in the interests of public to provide an efficient, adequate, economic and properly co-ordinated road transport service to the people of villages/ hamlets/ habitations that have a population of 100 or more families, and to ensure that no route is left unconnected so as to reach the nearest bus stand or nearest town/ city where adequate bus services are provided to various destinations;

NOTIFICATION-II.

[G.O. Ms. No. 33, Home (Transport-I), 23rd January 2025, தை 10, குரோதி, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. II(1)/HO/4(a-2)/2025.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby issues the following direction to the State Transport Authority, Tamil Nadu and the Regional Transport Authorities regarding the revision of fares for Mini Buses plying in the State of Tamil Nadu.

DIRECTION.

The revision of fares for the mini buses plying in the State of Tamil Nadu shall not exceed the fares calculated at the rates specified in the Table below:-

THE TABLE.

Stage		Fare for Mini Bus (in Rupees)
(1)		(2)
First	(upto 2 km)	4.00
Second	(above 2 and upto 4 km)	4.00
Third	(above 4 and upto 6 km)	5.00
Fourth	(above 6 and upto 8 km)	6.00
Fifth	(above 8 and upto 10 km)	7.00
Sixth	(above 10 and upto 12 km)	8.00
Seventh	(above 12 and upto 14 km)	9.00
Eighth	(above 14 and upto 16 km)	9.00
Ninth	(above 16 and upto 18 km)	9.00
Tenth	(above 18 and upto 20 km)	10.00

(A stage approximating as far as practicable to two kilometer)

2. The fare revision is effective to the existing permit holders and also to the prospective permit holders under the New Scheme and shall come into force with effect on and from the 1st May 2025.

DHEERAJ KUMAR,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.